

In the Abstract –

1. On line 1, delete the word "improved."
2. On line 14, replace the word "U.S." with the word – English –.

ABSTRACT

*Bv* An improved apparatus and method for laying out construction members or framing members at a fixed distance interval from one another. The construction layout stripping comprises: first, a pliable, non-elastic elongated base; and second, repeating units disposed on the base, the repeating units having a plurality of pairs of uprights thereon at fixed intervals, each pair of uprights defining a partition for receiving a specified size of framing member. The construction layout stripping allows construction elements to be built of various sized construction members spaced apart at fixed intervals without the need to measure and mark the spacing, and also holds those members in place while they are fixedly attached to the construction element. In a preferred embodiment, the construction layout stripping has uprights defining spaces for receiving 1 5/8", 3 5/8", and 1/2" framing members on either 16" or 24" centers using the same construction layout stripping. The construction layout stripping may have cutting ribs defined thereon which make cutting a desired length easier by defining channels through which a utility knife is passed to cleanly cut off the stripping. It may be provided with any desired unit of spacing, or partitioned using any system of measurement (e.g., metric or U.S. English) for any size of construction element.